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In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 21, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 21, 2008, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.